

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **: Daisuke SHINOMIYA, et al.**
Filed: **: Concurrently herewith**
For: **: DYNAMIC LOAD SHARING SYSTEM.....**
Serial No. **: Concurrently herewith**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims with the following:

14. (Amended) The dynamic load sharing system using the virtual router according to claim 1, wherein said dynamic load sharing system further comprises a server performing the functions of modifying packet information for routing and obtaining configuration information of said end systems.

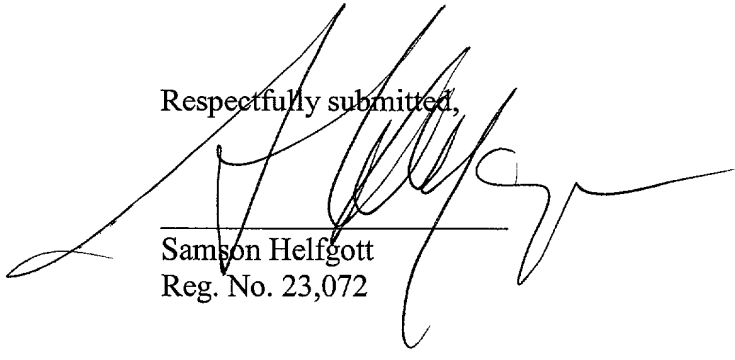
REMARKS

This amendment is being submitted to avoid multiple dependent claims.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims with the following:

14. (Amended) The dynamic load sharing system using the virtual router according to either claim 1 to claim 13, wherein said dynamic load sharing system further comprises a server performing the functions of modifying packet information for routing and obtaining configuration information of said end systems.